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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 277, L.D. 341, Bill, "An Act to Open a Discount State Liquor Store in Calais"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Open a Discount State Liquor Store in Calais and Conduct a Study Concerning the Opening of a Store in Fort Kent'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Study commission established. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall establish a study commission to explore the feasibility and benefits of locating a discount state liquor store in Fort Kent. The study commission must include 2 business people from Fort Kent, appointed by the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services; one Legislator appointed by the chairs of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans affairs; and 2 people appointed by the commissioner. The member who is a Legislator is entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the commission. Other members are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of expenses. The meetings of the study commission must be held in Fort Kent. All appointments to the study commission must be completed within 15 days after the effective

2 date of this Act. After the completion of all appointments, the
3 commissioner shall convene the first meeting of the study
4 commission within 30 days after the effective date of this Act.
5 The members of the study commission shall select a chair from
6 among its members. The study commission shall present its
7 findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
8 having jurisdiction over legal and veterans affairs by January 1,
1999.

10 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
11 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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Study Commissions - Funding

19	Personal Services	\$275
20	All Other	100
22	TOTAL	<hr/> \$375

24 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
25 of the legislative member of the study
26 commission established to explore the
27 feasibility and benefits of locating a
28 discount liquor store in Fort Kent.'

30 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
31 summary the following:

34 **FISCAL NOTE**

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38 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

39	General Fund	\$375
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42 **REVENUES**

43	General Fund	(\$206,250)
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46 Opening a discount state liquor store in Calais will result
47 in a loss of General Fund revenue estimated to be \$206,250 in
48 fiscal year 1998-99 from a reduced profit margin on existing
sales shifted from the state liquor store and agency stores in

2 that area. This revenue loss may be partially offset by
additional sales. The amount of any additional sales can not be
4 estimated. This estimate assumes an August 1, 1998 effective
date. The annual revenue loss is estimated to be \$225,000.

6 The Legislature will require a General Fund appropriation of
\$375 in fiscal year 1998-99 for the per diem and expenses of the
8 legislative member of a study commission established to explore
the feasibility of locating a discount state liquor store in Fort
10 Kent.

12 Additional miscellaneous expenses of the study commission
can be absorbed by the Department of Administrative and Financial
14 Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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20 This amendment establishes a study commission to explore the
feasibility and benefits of locating a discount state liquor
store in Fort Kent. It also changes the title of the bill.

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24 This amendment also adds an appropriation and a fiscal note
to the bill.